

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 3, 4 and 6-11 are now pending in this application, claims 1-2, 5 and 12-13 having been cancelled by the present Amendment. Claims 1-4, 12 and 13 were rejected. Claims 5-11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5-11 have been rewritten or amended, in accordance with the indication of allowable subject matter, to place this application in condition for allowance. However, it is initially noted that the language “and when a voltage being obtained from a commercial AC power supply voltage is generated,” which was added to claim 3 by the Amendment filed on October 24, 2007, is not included in the currently amended claims. It is submitted that this does not affect the allowabilty of the currently amended claims because subject matter of claims 5-11 was indicated allowable in the final Office Action mailed June 28, 2007, prior to the addition of the language “and when a voltage being obtained from a commercial AC power supply voltage is generated” to claim 3.

More specifically, allowable claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form by amending base claim 3 to include the features of claim 5 and intervening claim 4. Dependent claim 8, which formerly depended from claim 5, has been amended to depend from claim 3. Accordingly, independent claim 3 and claims 8 and 11, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 3, are now in condition for allowance.

Further, allowable claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 6 to include the features of base claim 3. Accordingly, independent claim 6 and claim 9, which depends directly from claim 6, is now in condition for allowance.

Finally, allowable claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 7 to include the features of base claim 3 and intervening claim 4. Accordingly, independent claim 7 and claim 10, which depends directly from claim 7, are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by **Kono et al.** (JP 2000-308257). In view of the above-noted amendments and cancellation of the claims, it is submitted that this rejection is no longer relevant.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. An indication of allowability of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

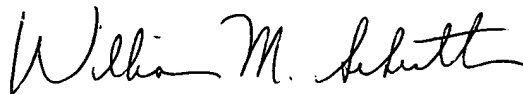
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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